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THE TRUTH COMING OUT.

More satisfactory than its earlier brief report is the full statement of the territorial grand jury upon the county jail scandal surrounding the escape of the notorious "Jack" McGrath.

Furthermore, the criticism of the present jail administration is more to the point because more definite and detailed than that of the perfunctory paragraph of comment rendered at the conclusion of the jury's investigation. The escape of the gangster and the laxity of Jailer Fern's rule are put right up to Sheriff Rose; and as Fern is Rose's appointee; as the rules of the jail are evidently in part those instituted by Rose himself, the sheriff is rightly held responsible.

Only in public opinion, however, is the head of the police department likely to suffer in any way for the glaring inefficiency and incompetent jail administration shown up by the McGrath escape. As in many other cases "nothing is going to be done about it." On the surface a rule or two may be changed but the rule of friendship, politics and incompetence will not be changed. Nothing but a determined stand next campaign by the voters of Honolulu will change this rule.

It is interesting to note that the testimony of Fred Gough, the ex-prisoner, is discredited by the grand jury. His story was so prolific in detail, and in essential points so borne out by the actual happenings at the jail as known, that it is impossible to believe he could have invented all or even the gist of it. That he had "done time," that he occasionally became drunk and that others accused him of being addicted to "dope"—which, by the way, was only accusation—seem to have convinced the jurors that most of his story was lie. Yet the basic allegations on which that story rested were provably true, and enough was actually proved true to justify the belief that conditions were much worse than the jury has seen fit to admit.

Still more interesting is the fact that the jury, though discrediting Gough's testimony, in substance abundantly upholds that testimony by its conclusions! It is quite apparent that the jury minimized Gough's story because he was a jail-bird and nobody outside the jail could substantiate many of its details.

But, even though reluctantly, the truth about the county jail has been forced out through the lever of Fred Gough's story in the Star-Bulletin. In spite of official apathy, in spite of active, persistent and unscrupulous efforts to "reach" and muzzle, or beat up and silence, grand jury witnesses; in spite of attempts even more vicious to poison with suspicion reputable men who were fighting to get the facts to light—in spite of such desperate practices, the truth came out. It is mutilated and incomplete, but it is the truth. The community knows it, whether or not those in official position are willing to secure evidence for prosecution.

WOMEN AND FAME.

A typical story in the magazine section of a Sunday newspaper syndicate contains the more or less interesting information that the best way for a woman to "get into the limelight" is to marry a famous man. The wives of the Marshall Fields, Mrs. Vincent Astor, Mrs. John Jacob Astor and other women of this generation are cited as examples, the inference being that they are entitled to some measure of fame through going through a ceremonial with a man of note.

The story is more than ordinarily silly. Few of the women mentioned are known outside the society columns of the newspapers and the world of society which is so insignificant as compared with the real world. And the inference that women cannot through their own and independent efforts win lasting fame is just as silly.

Florence Nightingale, an English nurse, rose from obscurity to world-wide renown and honor through her noble work in the Crimean war and after, doing deeds any man might have envied. She won the gratitude of nations in spite of determined opposition of military commanders at the beginning of her great campaign of mercy.

Marie-Rosa Bonheur did not wed to achieve fame. She won it through her own efforts and talent. Her first paintings when she was a girl of sixteen, were so severely criticised that her family opposed further study, but at eighteen she showed and she became famous.

came the world's best-known painter of animals in spirited action.

Frances Elizabeth Willard, temperance advocate and reformer, founded the World's Christian Temperance Union, became probably the best-loved woman of her time, left behind her a progressing work that will endure as long as the world endures.

Jane Addams, head of Hull House in Chicago, made settlement work in that busy, preoccupied, materialistic city such a tremendous power for good that her fame first became nation-wide and then world-wide. She was called to preside at the Woman's Peace Congress some months ago, honored as the first woman of her time in broad humanitarian work.

These are four instances that come first to mind. They could be multiplied indefinitely. No woman has won permanent hold on the affection and admiration of the world through marriage. They have won riches and social position, ephemeral as the pleasures of their kind.

The best way to "get into the limelight" is neither via the altar nor the divorce court, though they furnish excellent mediums for unwelcome notoriety. The best way is to do work that endures, as thousands of women have proved and are proving.

ANOTHER STATEMENT ON THE BOYS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

What the territorial grand jury reports concerning the Boys' Industrial School is substantially what every unbiased and broad-minded observer of this institution for reform must report—that the school has been run on the principle of getting work out of the lads rather than of making better citizens out of them.

In its observations and conclusions the grand jury fully confirms what this paper said when it took up the cause of the mismanaged boys last November. Conditions at the school have been such as to breed sullenness and rebellion. Less emphasis on output of farm and dairy products, more play, a more sympathetic discipline, are needed. The boys are not badly cared for in body, but in spirit they are scarcely cared for at all.

The grand jury's report today shows the insight the jurors gained from their recent trips of first-hand investigation. If these trips had been taken in November, it is hardly likely that the grand jury on December 10 would have indicted fifteen of the Industrial School boys of charges of "unlawful assembly." And now it is more obvious than ever that the prompt acquittal of these boys when their cases were tried was a correct verdict.

Retail merchants of Honolulu are making protest against that section of Superintendent Forbes' recommendations to Congress which would give Honolulu members of the National Guard the privilege of purchasing supplies from the United States commissary department. This is a very small matter either way you take it. The recommendations of the superintendent as a whole are good, and if there is danger of any of them being blocked by a quibble of this sort we would say out with the quibble. The money that would come to the Guard at Honolulu, and be spent among the merchants of the city, through the adoption of the recommendations of the superintendent, would amount to a great deal more than the trade of the men could possibly be with the commissary department of the army.—Garden Island.

One can hardly expect the visitors in our midst to appreciate the sort of "liquid sunshine" that has been descending for a week, nor to place full reliance in statements that this weather is unprecedented. That, however, is the truth, and the weather reports for decades past prove it. Hawaii has no record of such weather as that of December and this month. In the ordinary acceptance of the term there is no "rainy season" here as in most lands of the sub-tropics and tropics. The tourist may smile at this and other assurances that it's bound to be "mid-winter summer" pretty soon, but such is the unexaggerated fact.

Jail sentences will do more to discourage the usury gentry than mere fines in any amount. Judge Ashford's action on Saturday in imposing imprisonment penalties on two men found guilty after their cases had been thrashed out in court trials, will let loan sharks know that the law is no joke.

It would seem to be in order for Henry Ford to charter a train and conduct a few pacifists to Youngstown.

LETTERS

THE MATTOS TRIPLETS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: Mr. W. O. Smith, in his letter to the Advertiser of yesterday, says "There is a misunderstanding somewhere which should be corrected."

I think that the misunderstanding is due to the insufficient understanding of Mr. Smith about this matter. Last Thursday Mattos and his family called at my office, saying that he had arrived from Kaula, and begged me to intercede for the purpose of securing help for him as he was unable to maintain his family, which now comprised five children, three of whom were triplets born in Hawaii. He stated that he at present was earning \$24.

Touched by the condition of this family, I sent them to the commissioner of immigration, at the territorial immigration station, where, in the presence of the commissioner, I advised them to return to Kaula, and I promised to intercede for their behalf. It was my intention to personally assist these people, should the plantation agents decline to do so. As I did not see them after their visit to the immigration station, I was convinced that they had taken my advice and returned to Kaula. On the day following the call of this family at the consulate I saw in the Advertiser what seemed to be an appeal to aid the triplets. I immediately took advantage of the suggestion and had my wife contribute \$10 for that purpose by depositing \$5 in the office of each paper, the Advertiser and Star-Bulletin, it being gratifying to me to take the lead in such a worthy cause. I felt that the total amount collected should be used for the benefit of the three newly born American babies.

Later I called upon Mr. Smith, who, without knowing the purpose of my visit, willingly offered to subscribe a certain amount, whereupon I informed him that donations for this purpose should be left at the offices of the Advertiser and Star-Bulletin. The purposes of my call at his office was to obtain some assistance from the Kaula plantation for this family. All that Mr. Smith states in his letter is true, but I think he forgot to mention what I understood him to say, that he would, on his own account, give a dollar or two as long as they were in need, to which generosity the Star-Bulletin very properly refers.

In fulfillment of my duty I have, with courtesy, only solicited from Mr. Smith aid for two needy people of my country, for whose protection I shall not cease in my efforts.

I willingly admit that during my stay of a year and a half in Hawaii all consideration has been given to requests of this nature, which I have made, for the benefit of the people I represent.

Requesting the publication of the foregoing, and thanking you for the space it will occupy, I remain,

Yours very truly,
A. C. PESSOA,
Portuguese Consul-General,
Honolulu, January 10, 1916.

AN UN-AMERICAN LETTER.

Honolulu, Jan. 10, 1916.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: It was with mixed feelings of indignation and pity that I read a communication from one who styles himself "Honolulu" in yesterday's Advertiser. Had the writer signed himself "Britisher" he could not have more clearly demonstrated that this fair land of ours is not the "land of his love." From one who lives under and enjoys the protection of the blessed Stars and Stripes of America, his expressions of sentiment are arrogant, ignorant, unpatriotic and ungentlemanly.

We who to the best of our judgment try to live up to our ideals of strict neutrality, feel insulted at this expression of ideas, which is as un-American as it is vulgar. "Honolulu" would have us believe that this nation is composed of statutory of fenders, coolies, etc. The only comment I have to make is—"Honolulu," by his residence (by choice) here would indicate that he deems this a happier and purer sphere than some other place.

If "Honolulu" has such a great regard for New Zealand, small nationalities, Belgium neutrality, etc., why is he not at the front "somewhere in France?" "Oh, shirker, why pratest thou?"

Sincerely,

AMERICAN.

GRIFFIN-DAWSON BEST IN TENNIS

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
MANILA, P. I., Jan. 10.—Clarence Griffin and Ward Dawson, the crack American tennis players visiting here, today won the Eastern doubles tennis title. Griffin is one of the holders of the national doubles title, his partner being William Johnson.

CITY GANGS AT WORK TO CHECK STORM RAVAGES

Honolulu and Outside Islands
Alike Soaked By Heavy
Downpour of Rain

Gangs of city employees worked all day yesterday and all last night taking turns to keep the storm drains open and prevent high heads of water from backing up and causing damage it is due largely to the hard work of these men that the property loss has been kept down as much as it is.

Trouble men were also kept out by the Honolulu Rapid Transit Company in the same sort of work, and linemen from the electric and telephone companies put disordered wires back in shape here and there about the city.

In the Makiki district where the storm drains showed signs of weakening, an unusually large detachment of men was sent to cope with the storm. One flume which takes all the water from the Makiki elevations threatened to wash out under the strain. If this should occur a great flood of water would sweep down on Liholihi, Kewalo and Pihikoi streets. The Makiki district lighting system was out of order for two hours Saturday night. Watchers Busy All Night.

Braces were driven into the bank against the flume yesterday afternoon and watchers were kept at it through the night.

Makiki island in Kapiolani park was completely under water yesterday, but no great damage is reported. Tides from the ocean sweep in against the outlet of the stream that drains past the island, and thus prevent its free passage to the sea.

Athletic park is suffering the worst drenching that it has seen in years. The water sweeping down over it from Lihilihi highlands. Chinese residents have been put into a state of much discomfort by the high water in the vicinity.

Queen street paving which is composed of wood blocks is continuing to cause trouble by buckling and the street is in a miserable condition. Kakaako is deep in mud, and garbage trucks are unable to force an entrance to the dumping grounds.

Between two and three score men have been kept on the watch constantly since the storm first began to show signs of making trouble. Duck ponds out Waikiki way are deeply flooded and residents of Kalia road had difficulty reaching the street car this morning.

Sweeping down upon the settled district along Kunawai about 1 o'clock this morning, a high wind did much damage by overturning houses and other buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Redell and their baby were asleep in their house at the time being tumbled out of bed into the storm but suffering no permanent injuries. Mr. Redell was struck on the wrist by a piece of tin roof blown from another cottage several yards away, but the injury is not severe.

The wind also wrought havoc with a garage which was being built on Kunawai lane by David Bray, automobile driver. The building was toppled over into the lane and badly wrecked. Up to noon today the present storm had not yet equalled the records established by the wet seasons of November and December, but the sun is shining only fitfully and every indication, according to old-timers about the city, is that the rain will continue.

Total rainfall for January now stands at 7.29 inches, and of this amount 6.66 inches has fallen during the present storm which began Friday.

This morning in the four hours from 8 o'clock to noon 12 of an inch of rain fell. From 8 o'clock last night until 8 o'clock this morning 34 inches were recorded, and from 8 o'clock yesterday morning to 8 o'clock last night there fell 1.88 inches, making the hardest part of the downpour yesterday during the daylight hours.

November's storm produced 7.18 inches, while the Christmas storm has 8.53 inches to its credit. Both of these storms were Kona's, however. The present storm has come with a prevailing northeast wind.

PLANTATIONS REPORT SCARCELY ANY DAMAGE

Only in the Lahaina district in Maui did the week-end storm do any damage to the sugar plantations, according to reports received by the sugar plantation agencies in Honolulu up to noon today, and the Lahaina damage was so slight as to be much more than offset by the generally beneficial effects to the crop which the rainfall will have, say Hackfeld & Company. Lahaina had 7 inches of rain yesterday.

On Oahu no reports of damage to cane were received, though 4.25 inches of rain fell at Waialua yesterday, and 3.95 inches are reported from Ewa, according to Castle & Cooke. On

Oahu the additional moisture is welcomed, though it will hinder grinding a trifle.

Heavy rainfalls are reported from all districts on Kaula, but no crop damage is mentioned. Detailed reports from Hawaii are expected tomorrow morning by C. Brewer & Company, but to date no intimation of damage has been received.

DENY RIGHT OF KUHIO TO FILE SUIT FOR QUEEN

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that, if the trust is dissolved, and the Queen becomes intestate, then her entire estate would go to Kuhio on his claim, following the Queen's death.

As the trust deed now stands, the benefit of the Queen's property goes to her during the remainder of her life, while the interests of J. A. Domis and Curtis P. Hauke are due them only upon Liliuokalani's death.

The demurrer declares that Kuhio is not a fit or proper person to act as "next friend" of the Queen in the premises, in that it is alleged in the petition that Kuhio is next of kin and sole heir at law of the Queen.

It is claimed in the demurrer that if the trust deed is set aside as prayed in the petition, the benefit and advantage derived from it would go to the sole, personal and exclusive use of the delegate. It added that Kuhio is not a fit and proper person to "challenge the providency or improvidence of the trust deed or any other act of the said Liliuokalani for the disposition of her property, particularly as respects any disposition thereof by her to take effect after her death."

Queen Understood Deed.

The demurrer concedes that "it does not appear that the deed of trust of December 2, 1905, was made or executed by the said Liliuokalani without a full or sufficient knowledge or understanding of the terms thereof, or under any mistaken belief as to the character of the same."

One section of the demurrer is given over to a summary of the suit filed in February, 1910, in the name of the Queen, against the then trustees of the Liliuokalani Trust, in which it was sought to cancel and annul the trust deed.

The demurrer concludes as follows:

"That it appears from said petition that said Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole has been guilty of gross and inexcusable laches in filing the same, and that said suit is now barred by said laches. That said petition does not in any other respect set forth such facts as constitute a cause of action against these respondents."

NEW ALARM SYSTEM AT POLICE STATION

Honolulu police will use the same system for "checking in" and reporting fires that is used in nearly all cities on the coast when the new Gamewell system, now being installed in the police station, is ready for use. The indicators will be set in the rooms which have heretofore been used for the examination of detained prisoners, and by the captains and provost guard. New flooring will be put in this week under supervision of Building Inspector Henry Freitas.

The new system is arranged to provide for all boxes needed at present and is large enough to accommodate all which may be put in in the future, the extension of the system to any desired part of the city merely requiring a new box to be put up.

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